



Date of Notice: October 20, 2016

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** TORREY MEADOWS DRIVE BRIDGE / Project No. 398888  
**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Torrey Highlands  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 5 (Kersey)

**LOCATION:** The Torrey Meadows Drive Bridge project (project) is located between the Camino Del Sur and the Carmel Valley Road exits on State Route 56 (SR-56) in the City of San Diego, California. The bridge would connect Torrey Meadows Drive across SR-56 providing a direct connection between the north and south sides of the Torrey Highlands community. The project is surrounded by residential development, both single family and multi-family, as well as undeveloped open space to the northwest.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION: MAYORAL APPROVAL** to allow for the installation of a new bridge to connect the divided community of Torrey Highlands, and to provide an alternate route across State Route 56 (SR-56). The properties south of SR-56 in the Torrey Highlands community experience a high degree of isolation from the rest of the region, with Camino Del Sur as the only route leading into the properties. Camino Del Sur is often congested, leading to seclusion from local schools, the neighborhood park, and the local mixed use area. Traffic congestion within the existing street network is expected to worsen when the region becomes fully developed. The project would improve mobility throughout the community, integrate the existing properties south of SR-56 to the greater Torrey Highlands, provide a second means of ingress and egress for properties south of SR-56, and reduce traffic congestion at the Camino Del Sur Interchange.

The project would install a 54-foot wide and 337 foot long, two-span, cast-in-place, concrete box-girder bridge. This would allow for a two-lane overcrossing with standard eight-foot wide shoulders and six-foot wide sidewalks, as required by the Caltrans Bridge Design Standards. Torrey Meadows Drive would be extended from the north and south into Caltrans right-of-way in order to connect to the bridge. Improvements to the SR-56 corridor from I-5 to I-15 are anticipated to be constructed in the years to come, as specified in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The proposed project has been designed to accommodate the future conditions of SR-56 per the RTP. The proposed overcrossing may require removal and/or replacement of an impacted utility. In addition, the project will include installation of a new 16" water line within the bridge structure. The water line will be owned and operated by the City of San Diego.

In order to reduce potential construction-related traffic conflicts, detours, and delays associated with construction activities, a Traffic Management Plan would be implemented. Temporary full closures of the SR-56 freeway and bike path/trail would be required for falsework construction.

The full closures of the SR-56 freeway would occur at night to avoid disrupting commuter traffic. All staging would occur within the right-of-way. Temporary construction easements within the landscaped areas adjacent to Torrey Meadows Drive will be needed during the construction phase. Following the completion of construction activities, highway planting impacted as a result of construction would be replaced within Caltrans's right-of-way. Streetscape and median landscaping would be replaced within the City's right-of-way continuing existing themes and plant palettes consistent with City guidelines.

When the project is ready for construction, the City of San Diego and Caltrans will enter into a cooperative agreement to provide construction funding and construction oversight funds to Caltrans to complete the project. This project is being funded primarily by the City's Facilities Benefit Assessment (FBA) fund, with a small portion being funded by Capital Outlay.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Mitigated Negative Declaration

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The City of San Diego conducted an Initial Study which determined that the proposed project could have a significant environmental effect in the following areas(s): **LAND USE (MSCP/MHPA – LAND USE ADJACENCY GUIDELINES), HISTORICAL RESOURCES (ARCHAEOLOGY, PALEONTOLOGY)**. The project proposal requires the implementation of specific mitigation identified in Section V of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared for the project. The project as presented avoids or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects identified, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) would not be required.

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On October 20, 2016 the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination made by staff (including the City Manager) to the City Council must be filed in the office of the City Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**November 3, 2016**). The appeal application can be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

Cc: Councilmember Kersey, District 5  
Torrey Highlands Community Planning Group Chair

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